



## Dr. Philip Raskin

December 31, 1940 - June 1, 2026

Dr. Philip Raskin, beloved husband, father, grandfather, physician, researcher, mentor, and friend, passed away on June 1, 2026, at the age of 85, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on December 31, 1940, in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, Philip embraced life with intellect, humor, curiosity, and a deep appreciation for the people and pursuits that mattered most to him. Whether cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers, following the Pittsburgh Pirates, tending to his garden, or sharing a good glass of whiskey with family and friends, he never lost touch with his roots or the simple pleasures that brought him joy.

Above all else, Philip was devoted to his family. He shared a loving marriage with his wife, Sandy, for 62 years. Even in his final days, he often spoke of how fortunate he was to have her by his side and how grateful he was for the love, strength, and partnership she brought to their life together.

He took enormous satisfaction in the accomplishments of his children, Robbin and Grady, and treasured every opportunity to encourage, support, and celebrate them. Though he rarely took credit for it, Philip played an important role in launching both of their careers. Through the relationships he cultivated and the respect he earned throughout his life, he introduced them to influential leaders in the fashion and sports industries. Those connections helped open

doors, but it was his unwavering belief in them that gave them the confidence to pursue their own paths.

Nothing delighted Philip more than seeing his children flourish, not only professionally, but as people. Their character, achievements, and happiness brought him immeasurable fulfillment.

His greatest joy, however, was being "Zayde" to his grandchildren, Gus, Roman, Mya, and Myles. He delighted in celebrating their milestones, sharing stories and wisdom, and creating memories that will be carried forward for generations. His love, presence, and example remain woven into their lives and will continue to guide them in the years ahead.

Originally from Carnegie, Pennsylvania, Philip earned his bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Washington & Jefferson College before receiving his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He completed his residency in internal medicine and then proudly served as a Captain in the United States Air Force Medical Corps, where he pursued both medicine and research while stationed in Dayton, Ohio. He later completed a fellowship in endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism at UT Southwestern Medical Center and joined its faculty in 1973, beginning a distinguished career that would span more than five decades.

Philip dedicated more than 53 years to advancing the understanding and treatment of diabetes. As a physician, researcher, educator, and clinical leader, he became one of the most respected figures in endocrinology and diabetes care. His research helped establish the importance of early glucose control in preventing diabetic complications, fundamentally changing the way diabetes is treated around the world.

During his remarkable career, he authored more than 360 scientific

publications, including nearly 300 peer-reviewed research articles, and served as Director of the Diabetes Clinic at Parkland Memorial Hospital. As a principal investigator in landmark national clinical trials, including DCCT/EDIC, TrialNet, GRADE, and D2d, he helped shape modern diabetes care and improve the health of millions worldwide. His work appeared in many of medicine's most respected journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine, and his impact extended through generations of physicians, researchers, and patients.

Despite his extraordinary achievements, Philip remained focused on people. He was a compassionate physician, a generous mentor, and a trusted colleague whose wisdom and integrity earned the admiration of all who knew him. He believed deeply that his purpose was to help people with diabetes live longer, healthier, and fuller lives, a conviction that guided every aspect of his career.

Though his contributions to medicine were profound, those closest to him will remember him not for his publications, awards, or titles, but for his character, generosity, humor, and unwavering devotion to family and friends. His legacy endures in the family he loved, the medical community he helped shape, and the countless individuals whose lives were improved through his work.

He will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever cherished.

Philip is survived by his beloved wife, Sandy; his children, Robbin and Grady; and his cherished grandchildren, Gus, Roman, Mya, and Myles.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Park

7405 W. NW Hwy  
Dallas, TX 75225

# Upcoming Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Congregation Beth Torah  
720 W. Lookout Road  
Richardson, TX 75080

## Graveside Service

JUN 4. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

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